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Letter dated 10 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The right to self-determination is the basis upon which democratic South Africa was founded. South Africa upholds the belief that the resolution of international conflicts should be peaceful and in accordance with the centrality of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law.

South Africa has for many years participated actively in the meetings of the Special Committee on Decolonization in an observer capacity.

Based on our history and our continued support for the legitimate right of the people to achieve their legitimate national aspirations, including their inalienable right to self-determination and freedom, South Africa wishes to inform you of its interest to become a full member of the Special Committee on decolonization.

Jerry Matthews **Matjila**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 7 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Republic of Angola, based on its glorious revolution for national liberation and independence, is strongly committed to the mandate of the Special Committee and wishes to become a full member of this august body.

It is unequivocal that the Special Committee has played a pivotal role in advancing the cause of decolonization and has contributed to the emancipation of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial determination. The Republic of Angola will spare no effort to contribute to the completion of the historic undertaking of the Committee as a full member of it.

(*Signed*) Ismael A. Gaspar **Martins**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 9 December 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

I have the honour to inform you that Namibia would like to join the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Your kind assistance in this regard would be highly appreciated.

(*Signed*) Linda **Scott**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Letter dated 15 December 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

Since its inception, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has played a lead role in advancing the cause of decolonization and concurrently contributed to the emancipation of peoples under foreign occupation and colonial domination. The Republic of Uganda attaches great importance to the work of the Special Committee and is strongly attached to the full implementation of its mandate. It is in this spirit that it has participated actively as an observer at many of the Special Committee's meetings.

The date 14 December 2016 marked the fifty-sixth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1514 (XV) on the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Much has been achieved since the resolution was adopted in 1960, but the realization of its noble objective of freeing humanity from the shameful bondage of colonialism has yet to be completed.

Willing to serve this common objective and to fully contribute to the advancement of its mandate, the Republic of Uganda wishes to become a full member of the Special Committee.

(*Signed*) Kintu **Nyago**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Letter dated 19 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Republic of Zimbabwe, based on its history and its struggle for national liberation, is strongly committed to the mandate of the Special Committee and wishes to become a full member of this august body.

As a full member of the Special Committee, the Republic of Zimbabwe will do its utmost to contribute to advancing the noble mission entrusted to it.

(*Signed*) Frederick Musiiwa Makamure **Shava**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to convey the keen interest of the Kingdom of Bahrain in becoming, at the earliest, a member of the Special Committee.

This request of the Kingdom of Bahrain stems from the importance that my country attaches to the work of the Special Committee and of the Fourth Committee.

As a member of the Special Committee, my delegation will continue to uphold all the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if the present letter were promptly circulated to the members of the Special Committee and issued as a document of the Committee.

(*Signed*) Jamal Fares **Alrowaiei**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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